

In Memoriam

Martin D. Meyerson, FAICP, an internationally known city planner and educator, and president emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania, died June 2nd in Philadelphia. He was 84.

Meyerson received his bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a master's in city planning from Harvard. After teaching at The University of Chicago (1948–52), he taught city and regional planning at Penn, 1952–57. He was professor of city planning and urban research at Harvard's Graduate School of Design, and the first director of the M.I.T.-Harvard Joint Center for Urban Studies, 1957–63.

(Ed. Note: I was fortunate to be one of Martin's students at Penn. After I received my MCP in 1957, Martin was my mentor. What I remember most about him was his good humor and his real and obvious interest in his students. He had an innate ability to listen, absorb, summarize, feed back, and redirect. Beyond the subject matter, I learned a lot just watching and listening to Martin.)

Many California planners will remember Dr. Meyerson as Dean of UC Berkeley's College of Environmental Design, 1963–66, and acting chancellor of the Berkeley campus during the time of the Free Speech Movement (1965). From there he became president of the State University of New York at Buffalo (1966–70) and president of the University of Pennsylvania (1970–81).

His book, *Politics, Planning and the Public Interest* (with Edward C. Banfield, 1964) led to enduring changes in the practice of city planning, especially in bringing the social sciences into a field that had been primarily the province of architects and landscape architects.

The building housing the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Fine Arts is named Meyerson Hall in his honor.